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Subj: OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (OCONUS COLA) FOR MEMBERS ON TERMINAL LEAVE

Ref: (a) [Joint Federal Travel Regulations](#)
(b) [Direct Access Online Manual; Cost of Living Allowances \(COLA\)](#)

Purpose	This e-mail ALSPO message implements a requirement for SPOs to submit transactions to stop payment of OCONUS COLA to members on terminal leave.
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Discussion	<p>Per paragraph U9105-B1 of reference (a) entitlement to COLA stops the day before the member departs in compliance with a PCS order. Commandant (CG-1222) recently received clarification from the Department of Defense, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, that the provisions of reference (a) also apply to a separation/retirement order.</p> <p>Currently JUMPS stops OCONUS COLA on the 30th day that a member is on terminal leave INCONUS. A system change proposal has been submitted to change the auto-stop logic to comply with reference (a). Members contemplating taking leave in connection with a separation should be counseled to take regular leave (reported on CG-2519/DA Vacation Request), prior to the separation/retirement effective date, if they intend to remain OCONUS while on leave.</p>
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Delayed travel	A member requesting to continue receiving OCONUS COLA, per paragraph U9220-A of reference (a), on behalf of dependents temporarily remaining at the vicinity of member's PDS (for example, to complete the school term), after the member has departed on terminal leave must submit a memo request thru appropriate command channels to COMDT (CG-1222). A copy of the approval memo will be sent to PSC (ses). PSC (ses) will include the appropriate payments in the member's final separation pay.

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SPO Action Beginning immediately the SPO will submit a separate transaction in Direct Access (*Employee Entitlements*) to stop OCONUS COLA the day before a member departs on terminal leave (Required for both AO (leave OUTCONUS) and AI (leave INCONUS) type leave). This requirement will remain in effect until JUMPS reprogramming is completed.

Procedures for preparing COLA transactions can be found in reference (b).

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